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East Germany bought 8,500,000 tins of crab meat from Russia. Approximately 3,000,000 of these have been sold. The population has, however, stopped buying these tins, since the taste of the preservative (hexamethylene-tetramine) is so strong that the meat is inedible. An attempt is being made to unload 3,000,000 tins on the German public by making purchasers of mayonnaise or gelatine buy a tin of crab meat with the suggestion that the taste of the preservative in the crab meat can be overcome by using the mayonnaise or gelatine along with the crab meat. A tin of the crab meat costs about 3.15 eastmarks. An additional 2,500,000 tins are to be re-exported.

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